

# MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

## MISSAUKEE COUNTY

This listing for Missaukee County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

### **COUNTY-WIDE**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Northwestern Michigan**

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### **Program Description:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan works with caring individuals, service groups, businesses, and faith-based organizations to provide volunteer mentors to at-risk children. The youth come from predominantly single parent, low income households and are elementary, middle, and high school students. The programs include one-on-one and peer mentoring. All parties are carefully screened, trained, and monitored by professional case managers to ensure the best match and outcome possible. The community-based program operates in ten counties and the school-based program in 17 schools. Outcomes are regularly measured and the vast majority of children improve in academics, self confidence, behavior, and peer and adult relationships. The average length of a match is over two years. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a six month commitment, which involves four to six hours per month during day, evening, or weekend hours.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **ExperienceSeniorPower.com**

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#### **Program Description:**

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

### **Michigan Youth Leadership Forum**

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#### **Program Description:**

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **Volunteer Centers of Michigan**

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#### **Program Description:**

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

## **MENTORING COLLABORATIVE**

Mentoring Collaboratives are community-wide resources for mentoring programs, people looking to become mentors, and youth who want a mentor or need access to mentoring services. A Collaborative serves as a coordinating body for mentoring activities in their service area, which could be city-wide, county-wide, or regional in focus. They provide awareness and education around mentoring issues and work to ensure that all age groups are represented and provided with mentoring services. Collaboratives are made up of the mentoring programs in their service area, and they meet regularly to share best practices, learn about new trends in the field, partner on projects, and learn from one another.

### **Wexford/Missaukee Mentoring Coalition**

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### **MENTOR MICHIGAN VI STA**

The Mentor Michigan VI STA program supports Mentor Michigan's goal of recruiting 10,000 new mentors for Michigan youth. Through this program, 25 individuals will be serving full-time throughout Michigan to support the development of youth mentoring programs by:

- Identifying and securing resources to support the development and sustainability of mentoring programs.
- Recruiting mentors and connecting them with effective programs serving youth.
- Developing partnerships with business, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, education institutions, and government.
- Increasing public awareness about mentoring and the positive outcomes associated with it.
- Providing training and support for mentoring programs.

The Mentor Michigan VI STA program is managed by the Connect Michigan Alliance.

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